

*Newburgh, NY*--Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today visited the Best Resource Center in Newburgh to highlight how the federal economic recovery legislation that Congress approved earlier this year has provided grant funding for more than 200 summer jobs for youth (ages 14-24) in Orange County. Hinchey strongly advocated for and helped pass the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), which provided funding for the jobs. Hinchey was joined by Orange County Executive Ed Diana and Newburgh Mayor Nick Valentine, as well as coordinators and participants in the training and employment programs, to highlight the job programs in Newburgh and Orange County.

"These jobs provide very tangible proof that the economic recovery bill we passed in Washington earlier this year is having a positive impact in our communities and helping to improve the economy here in New York," Hinchey said. "These young men and women are being provided with valuable opportunities to work in their community, gain employment skills and training, and earn some money. Residents of Orange County, including the City of Newburgh, are also benefitting through the services that these youth are providing to enhance the quality of life for the community as a whole."

Due to the additional funding made available through the ARRA, Orange County was able to place 213 additional young men and women in summer employment positions than it was able to last year. Last year, Orange County was able to place 319 youth for summer employment. This year, however, with economic recovery funds available, the county was able to increase the enrollment in the various programs to 532 individuals. The summer jobs are helping to provide local youth with positive experiences and contribute to the stabilization and improvement of the area's economy. The summer job participants are currently working for municipalities, school districts, non-profit agencies, hospitals, nursing homes, and police departments throughout Orange County.

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Throughout this year and next, the economic recovery plan that Hinchey helped pass earlier this year is expected to create and save an estimated 3.5 million jobs, including 7,600 jobs in the

congressional district Hinchey represents and 215,000 jobs across New York, through various investments that: modernize roads, bridges, schools and other infrastructure; improve education and health care; and advance the research and manufacturing of solar and other forms of renewable energy. The bill also provided 95 percent of working Americans with an immediate tax cut. Hinchey was joined by participants of the "On the Rise" Youth Employment and Training Program, a collaboration of the Orange County, the City of Newburgh Human Services Department and the Best Resource Center. The Newburgh-based project hired 38 young men and women who were given opportunities to learn construction, filming, event planning and landscape architecture and work on a number of local community projects. This project was entirely funded through ARRA funding.